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Connected Diode for Bridging said Laser Diode
Bar in Case of Failure

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION
OF SPECIES/RESTRICTION**

SIR:

This is in response to the Election of Species Requirement dated August 22, 2007.

Applicants hereby elect Specie 1 for examination in the present application.

The claims readable on Specie 1 are claims 1-4, 9-14 and 17-20.

This election of species is made with traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the nine groups of inventions specified in the Office Action. The Examiner supports this Restriction Requirement on the basis that the species are independent or distinct.

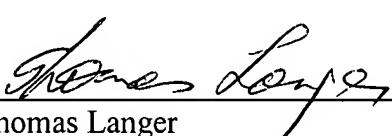
It is respectfully pointed out that the present application is a National Stage application submitted under 35 USC 371. As set forth in MPEP Section 1893.03(d), "examiners are reminded that unity of invention (not restriction) practice is applicable in international applications... and in national stage applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. 371."

Accordingly, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement and prosecution on the merits of all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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